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A JOURNAL

Of a Voyage on Board the Barque Clara

of New Bedford.

Tuesday May 18th 1852

At 7 A.M. Pilot Wards being on board got under weigh, and commenced a voyage which I hope will be a prosperous one. (and if the good wishes of the large Concourse of friends on the Wharf be of any avail) it surely shall as we cleared our moorings & reached the centre of the stream three hearty cheers were sent up from the shore to which we responded with Interest sail after sail was set that would draw to advantage our bark as she felt the effects of the fine N.W. breeze bounded off before it & seemed to feel glad that she was once more free at 5 P.M. discharged our Pilot. at 6 P.M. Gay Head bore N. distant twenty five miles from which we took our departure. as this last vestage of my Native Land faded from my sight I began to feel to realize the fact that I was seperated from friends & kindred if not forever at least for years and who can tell what changes in that time may take place not only in families but in the destiny of Nations as these thoughts fleeted through my mind & despite my love for the sea I grew sad and for a moment my wish to roam was regretted but my duties as a sailor soon roused me from my revery & all things being put in Proper Sailing trim we were finely launched on

On Board Barke Glenorg. Passage to N. S.

our voyage. the watches were chosen & after an
aproprite speech from the Capt the principle of
which was to obey the rules and regulations on
board of the Barque during the voyage with all
due respect to himself & Officers the Larboard watch was
sent below & the Starboard Watch (to which I belonged)
took the deck but indeed we were few in numbers
as the greater part of our crew being green Hands
were getting into that happy state of feeling so
well described by Byron in his second Canto of
Don Juan and which is generaly supposed to be
Consomitant to all first flights on the trackless
ocean but which the young Voyager might well dispense
with & not be the less happy nothing disturbed the
quiet of our Watch save the low groans from below.
or the distressing sound of heaving from some
poor Devil in the lee Scuppers & bells soon came
& with our watch below which to me was welcom
News

Wednesday May 19th 1852

To day wind fair Steering
East all Hands that were able to attend to Duty
were employed Clearing decks & seizing on
Chafing gear Nothing of any note Doc. this day
Our crew consists of twenty two hands. including
Officers. of which the following is a list but
it will not be out of place However to give a short
description of our Captain he is a man of
about thirty eight years old but from exposure
to the elements during his long career in
the arduous duty of a sailor. appears on first
sight much older he is about the Middle height
of a prepossesing appearance without any exuber
-ance of flesh & one who although grey bears no
appearance of ever having been thoughtless enough
to mar natures noblest gifts by dissipation which
is unfortunately the case with many of his class
When in good humor his smile is indeed benevolent
but cross him & you will find that there is a devil
in his eye that you would not always wish to
encounter but to be brief he is one who will
always maintain his position respectably and
not play the Tyrant from the love of seeing
others suffer but from necessity

Mr Obs

On Board Ship Ceres Passage to W. I.

By Captain M.

James L. Smith

Pirates.

1st Norton
L. M. Haskins
James Loughorn

Most Steerage

David Miller
Henry M. Yates

× Edmund Jordon (cooper)

More Castle Rock.

× Wm. Welch
Wm E Stratton
Edwd Langton
Geo Tallman
John S Randall
Benj Simmons
Geo Latham
Albt Rawson
Chs Marks
Chs Curtis
× Joseph Hoole
James Pagnell
Chk

Chs D. Kempton (Steward)
Swen. Fedor Hedstrom (Cook)

Shifted
Atticus Kunakeys at Teneriffe
Ephraim Roberts, at St Helena
Albert Dupery " " "

4th

On Board "Barque" Oleora. Passage to Azore Islands

Sunday May 23d 52

Nothing occured untill to day worthy of note When we spoke a Pilot boat & sent home letters by her which I hope will reach their destination we are skimming along with a fair wind & are fast getting past the dread of all navigators bound to or from the coast of America The Gulf Stream Steering from E to E S E bound to the Azores or Western Islands there to Cruise for the fur famed Ouchelot Those Island are visited by Newly all American Whalers for vegatable productions they can be obtained in larger quantities & much cheaper than in the states & as if so ordained by Nature Sperm whales abound there

Lat 38° 31 m N

Monday May 24th 52

Weather for the last twenty fours hours fine with a fresh breezes steerin E to E S E Nothing Worthy of note took Place all Hands anxiously Expecting to See a whale and some queer questions are asked by the green Hands of those who have been to sea before. to which (in some cases) the answers returned are as preposterous as the questions asked.

Tuesday May 25th 52

Fore Part light breezes Hands employed in makin sails for their boats Mid & Lat part Strong Winds from the Southward Barque under topsails & courses

Wednesday May 26th 52 Lat 39°, 00 m

Strong Breezes with thick hazy weather some of our young sailors thought it quite a storm & indeed she did roll heavily as she was mod trimd right Mid Part closed reefed the topsails Lat the same

Wednesday May 27th 52

To day Wind increased Layed too under close reefed topsails with a high cross sea which caused us to roll Heavily shipped several heavy seas one of which stove a streak of the Waist boat Lat Part Wind hauled to S E & by S & abated when we set the courses & shook the reefs out of the topsails course E & E

N 0 Rs

On Board Barque Clara Passage to W Islands

Friday May 28th/52 Thick rainy weather and strong
breezes from SW some of the Islands sick & our Mate
who thinks himself as great a sage in those matters
as if he were a disciple Esculapius says it is for want
of cake & such dainties

Lat 39. 31 N
Lon 54, 00 W

Saturday May 29th/52
Wind & weather the same at 7 PM hauled to the
wind & shortened sail at day light kept her
of Course E & S E

No Obs

Sunday May 30th/52 Weather fine our Capt called
Islands aft & gave all those that had none a
Bible at the same time exhorting them to devote
their spare time to reading & improving the
mind he also said that all of his books were at
their service many availed themselves of the offer &
reading was the order of the day. indeed on the whole
it looks like sunday although you would miss the
merry ringing of the church bells & happy faces of the
Congregation just from their Devotions. all was quiet
on board & no work was done but the actual duty
required in working Ship. which of course could
not be dispensed with

Lat 37.56 N....
Lon 44, 44 W....

Monday 31st/52
Moderate breeze from NE to E at 7 PM
shortened sail day light made sail kept her of her
course

Lat 38. 43 W.

Tuesday June 1st
Thick rainy weather working down
to the Islands taking in sail nightly Wind E
Course E

No Obs

6th

Thursday June 3d/52 To day & yesterday Weather thick & rainy Employed in rigging Cutting in Purchases &c &c quite an accident occured to day which came near proving fatal to one of our hands Edward Langton while on the Main yard assisting to reeve the guys lost his hold & fell but in his decent caught hold of the Main sail Clue which was hauled up by which he held with one hand & if it had not been for one of our hands by the name of Ben Timins who was standing in the Main shrouds who seeing him in a perilous situation Laying up & assisting him to regain his footing on the yard he must have lost his hold & fell upon deck which might have resulted in serious consequences as it was it had the good effect of impressing upon his mind the Maxim of one hand for yourself the other for the owners

Lat 38° 59 N

Friday June 4th 1852

Commences with fine weather & light breezes from N Bark under all sail Steering & Hands employed in makin spun yarn & other odd jobs which in a well regulated ship are never run out no matter how long the Voyage

Lat 38° 41 m N
Lon 41° 00 m W

Sunday June 6th/52

Strong Southerly Winds Double & Tat wind hauled to E & blew heavy Weather nothing occured worthy of note to day

Lat 40, 38 N

Monday June 7th/52

Commences with pleasant Weather & light breezes from S S E Course E & a S P M raised a sail two points forward our weather beam steering as we she squared her yds & kept off & spoke us she proved to be the barque Silas. Richards of N B & sailed the same day with us our Capt went on board of her while we received a visit from her Mate & boats crew this species of visitin is called a gam the Landsmen can have but a faint idea of the pleasure with which we meet with our fellow man after being confined to the narrow precinth of Shipboard & the same faces to gaze on with nothing to wile away the tedious Months which often ~~[illegible]~~ occurs on a long voyage. with thrilling sensations of joy which do we hear the exhilerating cry of sail ho & as we bear down on her every eye is gazing on the stranger soon we are grasping the hands of the honest tars & Cordial is our meeting no formality of speech is here but the honest words of what cheer my hearties greet our lips & real pleasure beams in the eyes of all but I am warding time & paper without ending this days log we gamed with the Silas L Richards untill 10 in the evening when we parted Company

Lat 40.38.N

Tuesday June 8th/52

Commenced with thick hazy weather from N N W Course E saw another sail steering as we at 5 o clock P M gamed & with the Silas Richards again at 8 o clock she bout returned & we stood on our course

No Obs " "

June 12th/52

Nothing occured for last Week worthy of note at 11 o'clock raised a school of Blackfish (there ~~whales or~~ fish are of the whale species & yield from 1 to 8 bls of oil) we lowered & succeeded in taking two of them weather fine ship steering E with all sail out

Lat 40.. 12 N

June 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th/52

Nothing worthy of note occured for the last three days the same dull routine of duty with nothing to kill time & still working up towards the islands which we expect to see soon 18th at 5 P M saw the the isles of Corvo & Flores

Lat 40 56 N

June 23/52

Nothing of any moment took place untill to day when we passed the Islands of St George & Gracioso the latter of which we got a good view of is indeed a beautiful spot presenting on the side we aproached it a bold & rocky Coast a short distance frome the shore it looses its wildness & apears interspersed with fields of rich verdure dotted with the wild grape & Fig tree while here & there the rustic cottage of the Peasant may be seen & also the tall spire of the Catholic church thrusting out in bold relief among the scenecry the back ground is is formed by a chain of undulating mountains the summit of the highest of which is surmounted by the Convent of ——, all of which seen for the first time from the deck of a ship forms a view at once picturesque and sublime while it makes an impression on the mind which is not easily forgotten (it did in mine at least) and brought to memory the green fields of Home & quickly put my mind wandering on the past when the time being was forgotten but my flights of fancy were sent scudding before the wind by the hoarse cry of Take in sail there when my brains were soon filled with reef Tackles Clewlines &c &c the weather has been fine for the last few days & Porpoises with the golden backed dolphin are Continualy sporting around our bows basking in the sunshine & seeming to despise all our efforts to catch them

June 24th /52

Weather still fine at 5 o clock P M raised a sail 3 points of our Starboard bow at 6 o clock spoke her She proved to be the James. Andrews of New Bedford & was 15 mo from home with 350 bls spm Oil we had a glorious yarn for their crew are as jolly a set of sea dogs as could well be collected on board of any Craft at 10 P M they left us with a hearty wish that we might be immersed in oil up to our very neck whether it will fulfilled or not time alone will tell

Jon

June 25th/52 Cold & wet foggy weather when the first glimps of Aurora dispelled the dusk of night few of us that gazed on the faint attempts of old Sol to send one ray of sunshine upon us thought that such a morn would prove the Harbinger of so eventful a day at 2 o clock P.M. the Mate who was at the mast head sung out there she Breaches. that is the whale leaps its whole length out of the water & when striking again makes the water foam in all directions which can be seen at a great distance, where away said the the captain of our Lee gunster 2 miles sperm whales there she blows we were at this time on the wind with our stbd tacks aboard as the whales were so far abaft we immediately hauled aback our maintopsail then came the order of call all hands get the lines in the boats clear away & lower all this passed in less time than I can relate it & we ever were all clear of the ship as the whales were to leeward we set our boat sail in about 10 minutes the Starboard boat in which I belonged was close aboard of one & as he was goin quick the 2 mate got but one Harpoon in he went down and in a few minutes came up again & lay like a log we pulled up to him & spud in our second iron he went down & when he came up the Capt gave him a lance which made him spout thick blood he soon went his flurry and laid with his fin out when we pulled up & cut a hole in his flukes & took him along side. after which we stood anchor watches

June 25th/52

Commenced with Pleasant Weather at four o clock all Hands were called and commenced cutin in our whale the proofs of which there is a description of on the 12th page as given by Capt James Colnets Voyage to the South Atlantic & Pacific Oceans also a figure of a sixty barrel sperm whale.

B
C
A
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SPERM

A. part of the head containing liquid oil. or head matter. B. the spout hole. A.B. the part of the head of a large whale which is too bulky & ponderous to be hoisted on board, it is suspended on tackle, and the front part being cut off, the oil is bailed out with buckets: but the head of a small whale is divided at the double line below C.C. and hoisted on deck. ■ ■ where the tackles are fastened. D. Where the tackles are first hooked, which is called raising a piece; being thus steadied in the tackles the head is divided at the lowest double line. E. A. large lump of fat. F A smaller lump of fat When the whale is flinched or peeled to E. it will no longer cant or turn by the tackles, it is therefore cut through at the first double line & also at G. the flukes or tail being of no value H the ear is remarkably small as is also the eye from which a below or concave line runs to the fore part of the head. the eyes being prominent The whale is enabled To pursue his prey in a direct line & by inclining his head a little to the right or left he can see his enemy ahead There is one row of teeth in the lower jaw, an socket in the upper to receive them. The number of teeth depends on the age of the animal. whe the sperm whale spouts he throws the water forward and not upward like other whales except when he is enraged, the tail is horizontal; with it he does much mischief in defending himself the ambergris is generaly discovered by probing the intestines with a long pole when cut into as at E the different species of whales nurse their young as cows do their calves the age at which the young are weaned is probably 12 months whales have no means of carrying their young, to preserve them from danger. & when attacked by a school of killers a species of whale not larger than a sperm 2 ans old they stop entirely & lay like logs on the water then the Calves collect around the cows & raise their heads as far out of water as possible. when whales are frightened they go as fast as their calves can swim & no faster. cows & calves associate very freely together a sperm whale has but one spout hole & throws the spout forward at an elevation of about forty five degrees it is much thicker and does not go so high as that of other whales no rules can be given for the management of a whale which shows a disposition to attack & said all must be left to the judgement and courage of the Officer

On Board the Bark Sloop at Sea.

1Mo 28th 1852 My Weather. Cle & mid with Moderate breezes. Large Schools of Grampuses are Seen Breaching in every Direction And Several Sail Not Shot Horizon also the Isle of Fayal looms up like a Fog bank in the distance. Two Finished Trying out our Whale to day. and Cleared up Decks. We Made As. 575 Bls. We are all Pretty well Oiled up. and Used up To Jor and Whale Particularly the Green Hands. Some of whom Never Never Used to hard Labour At Sun Set Shortened Sail. —

1Mo 30/52 Pleasant Weather with light Breezes. Bark under Top Gallant Sails Steering. Jor the Islands Shore are in Sight to day. Most of them Whales or Supposed to be Such as the Carried no light Sail Various Species of the Finny Tribe. were Seen Sporting about. And Basking in the Sun Shine. at the usual hour Shortened Sail, When we were All assembled On Our own Quarter Deck the Top gallant fore castle. which is our favorite place. at Twilight. When the Labours of the day are over. Spinning Yarns Singing Songs and Smoking which By the By is a habit That nearly all Seamen indulge in. but as to the Consistency of which I do not feel capable To form an opinion. Turning it might be Called an Interesting one.

July 1st 52 Commenced with fresh breezes From the S.W. at Day light Made Sail and Stood On a Bowline. The Islands of St George and Graciosa in Sight to Windward at 4 P.M. Passed 3 Sail on our Weather Beam. the were Whalers and apparently Gammon. at 6 o'clock Shortened Sail

On Board Bark Clara at Sea

July 3d 52

The Isle land of Flores in Sight I Stood on the Bowsprit admiring the Beauty of its verdure and how Luxuriantly it Trailed Grapes and other vines Along the Mountain Sides. Nearly Ride my from here the Little town of Santa Cruz. embedded in Greenery. And Then Gun Shot out to get Ashore as soon for Ten Minutes. When the Mate Cryed out to Me the Welcome News of, Get Ready the Starboard Boats Crew to go Ashore There. & in Ten Minutes We were all Ready. And there Soon Landed the Country is indeed Handsome. and if all the Isle is like this part well deserves its name But the town denotes the poverty And Ignorance of the Inhabitance. Who are Industrious. and A hardy Race, but the Fruits of the Labour goes to Enrich their Foreign Masters. We got Some potatoes and Onions. Also Two Water Casks. they are good looking Chaps. And after a little Trucking We be off. Got back at Eight Oclock PM and on Board the Ship Went to go Ashore again —

July 4th 52

Log. of Board of Bark Bleoro

at Sea

July 5th 1852

The Island of Tayal is in the distance. Like a Speck on the Horizon about 60 miles off. And We have all given up the Notion of Reaching it to day. So we are Mustered up to Cooper our oil. And get it Ready for Shipping home. Which is the Business that is Bringing us in to port. But oh it is a Shame to make us work to day, when all at home (Aye, And abroad to. Who love Honor & Liberty) Are Celebrating the Great National Holyday of Our Country's. Freedom Oh, you benevolent Shades of Our Illustrious Fathers. Look not with anger on us the doers of this desecration. but Rather Visit it on the Head of the Who orders And Rules us with the Rod of Iron. For we are Slaves of his will and truely have it to Said of him. He. Worships Mammon instead of the Beautiful. And the good. but here I am and must now obey orders at 6. P.M Shortened Sail And Stood in for the Island

July 6th

Weather Fine. The Bay of ye Or Ver W. Beam. about 25 miles off. at 9 A.m. hove to. Pull off. And the Captain being anxious to get ashore Manned the Starboard boat with 6 Pickey Crew and Started for the Shore leaving the Ship to follow at her Leasure. The pull was long the day Hot. but in My Anxiety to get on Land. I did not think of it and in Consequence. with the Rest of the Crew Paid to my back work a good while. So that in 2 hours we were in. with the outer entrance to the Bay. (for the first time) Which is the beholder and Admiring. is the distance and well up with the town Say 3 or 4 Ships Scotland &c. &c at anchor while further out And Nearby under the Fort Say a large Man of war with her Lofty Spars Looking Like. A Mountain Amid So many Minnows. At the mouth of the Bay

On Board of the Bark Flora. At Sea.

And all along the opposite Island of Rio numerous Ships Barks &c were running races, laying off and on. Lading. and Discharging. and performing all sorts of Evolutions. according to the Whims of their Commanders. Then as if to give more life to the picture the whole Surface of the Waters was dotted over and over with Native Boats plying to and from the several Ships Rio and the City. which is itself. Nicely situated. at the foot of a pretty high Mountain and built on a Rising Ground Imbedded between two hills on the Summit of one of which Stands the Fort. While the other forms the opposite opening to the Passage of the Bay and about Nine Miles across. the Lofty and Commanding Peak of Pico (one of the highest known out Volcanos in the world and only Second to Teneriffe) Rears its Mighty head. and Seems to Look down from its Cloud Capped Pinnacle on the Earthy Scramble at the foot of it as the Guardian of all it Surveys — the whole view taken as Seen from the entrance of the Bay forms a Scene well worthy the Pencil of a Turner, but on My Landing on the Quay of the town. the other Impression Made on me By the View. was Soon Dispelled for the Houses are void of all decorations within or without. built of Stone in the rough and many of them without windows. however there and. there and there Some of the dwellings of the Rich which forms an Oasis in this Architectural desert. amongst which the handsomest. one I have Seen. is the Residence of our Consul, but he it appears does not think it Grand enough. as he is now building a far Superior Mansion. and to Judge it on its Situation with those around. when finished it will be a Palace.

The boats here and I. here Playing at Hide and go Seek and cutting past Each in its Wonted. when our Old Man passed Down on his way to Superintend the Shipment-

of our Oil. Which warned us we must
give up this employment. However agreeable
it might be. And Steer off with all Sail
Set in this wake. So as to be worth in
Sight to bear a hand if necessary.
The inhabitants are a hardy & an
industrious Race. but Superstitious
And averse to all improvement So that
every thing is now done as it was by the
Great Grand Fathers well may it be Said
of them they are behind the age. To an native
of that bounteous land Famed for all
Sorts of notions and Salute from the King
Down to Shooting Whales. This appeared
Sadly Strange at first for me. Got on Board
Well pleased with my days Fun ashore
And again Stood out to Sea

July 8th/52

Nothing occurd worthy of note for the past 2 days
Weather fine with pleasant breezes at 4 PM raised a large sperm
Whale lowered away the boats & the second mate got fast the
whale sounded heavy took the line & as it was near sundown he
got clear this is rather dumpers to our spirits but we hope for
better luck next time at sunset Cape Lopez bore South East 15 mls
dist so ends

Sunday July 11th/52

Pleasant weather saw several sails
Lat 39° 24' N

Mon. July 12th/52

Spoke the Brig Romond Capt Silva of Guyal
Bound on a cruise she carried five boats on the cruise but had
not men enough to man but three. Lat 39 22 North

Thursday 13th/52 Fine weather as usual wind from NW by W the Island
of Flores in sight
Lat 39 24 North

Friday 14th/52

Strong breezes & pleasant weather from the Northward
Ship heading NNE at 4 PM spoke the Brig Hopey of New London
Capt Luton 22 days out clean. the Peak of Pico in sight Bearing
Lat 39, 54 North

On Board the Bark. Flora at Sea

Sat 17th /52

First Part these twenty four hours Calm Weather fine but whales & subordinate fowls

Dat 37,07 North

Sunday 18/52.

Clear Weather not a cloud visible & here we lay Becalmed under the Gland of pico with the sails flapping against the mast & the Old bark a uneazy as a fish out of water & as to wind we are all uneazy I had rather see a gale of wind most any time than this dull tedious Calm. However to relieve the monotony of it we lowered away the Fur boat & pulled for a Bark about 8 miles distance she proved to be the Kathleen Capt Allen of New Bedford & as we had letters thee made the Devoe cannot board for them still continues Calm

Dat 38,11 07 North

Monday July 19/52

Still continues Fine Weather at 11 o clock lowered the waist boat & the Capt went ashore at the South end of St George for recruits he succeded in obtaining a bird load of potatoes & Onions several boats came off to the ship with Oranges & Wyne Wine (a kind of Liquor) to trade.

Dat 38,,36 North

Tues & Weds 20, 21/52

Strong breezes from N saw several sail Wends employed in setting up the Mizzen rigging & ships duty

Dat 38 ,, 19 W

Sat July 24th/52

Moderate breezes from SW by W Heading W by W the Island Flores in sight dist 12 miles at 7 AM lowered the Stbd boat & superintendent of our Portugees on board the brig Sept as one was sick & the other did not like the ship the brigs boat took them ashore

Dat 39 ,, 01 W

Sunday July 25th/52

Wind & weather continues the same Hands reading Writing sleeping &c

Mon 26th/52

Clear Weather & pleasant Breezes from SSW at 5 PM spoke the Bark Afton Capt Cannon of Boston 10 days out 60 bbls Sperm at 8 o'c Capt Beetle boarded us from the James Andrews New Bedford

Lat 38 ,, 50 W

On Board the Barque Clara at Sea N. A Ocean

Fridy 27th/52

Commenced with pleasant weather with calms gamming with the Barque Kathleen R. Bedford Allen Master L P part light airs from E to SE The Islands of Pico Fayal & St George in sight to ends.

Lat 39°, 34 N

Wedns. July 28th/52

All these 24 hours fine breezes from East Several Sail in sight Mostly Whalers the Island of St George bearing South 20 miles distant.

Thurs July 29th/52

L P light Breezes. M Part the same

L P. dead calms.

Friday July 30th/52

Fine weather with light breeze from E Hands employed in the rigging at 12 o'clock Meridian sent a boat on board a barque aboard 3 miles dist she proved to be the Triphs of N Bedford 2 Mrs out 60 bls Sperm oil

Sat July 31st/52

L. Pleasant breezes from N N E The Capt boarded a portugese schooner for some spirits but obtained nothing

Lat 39° 18m North

Sun Aug 1st/52

This month commences with Fine Weather This is my 18th Birth day & if the rest continues as it has as the day has been it will indeed be a bright Era in my existence

Lat 38°, 10 North

Mon Aug 2d/52

Strong gales & Squally Weather Azo Islands in Sight L P The same Wind N by E Barque Heading N E by N

Lat 39°, 14 North

Tuesday Aug 3d/52

Moderating Wind hauld to N N by W saw several sails Fly Light variable squalls L P fine Weather

N E Obs...

Wedns Aug 4th/52

Weather Thundering double reefed the topsails at sunset saw ships & took in sail The Friends of Cleveland bearing due E at sunset Wore ship & shortened sail

Lat 39°, 2m N

On Board Bark Flora at Sea. N. A. Ocean

Thurs Aug 5th/52

Strong breezes from N with light squalls of rain at 3 P.M. saw the Sapho on the opposite tacks L.P.. Steering S. Winds NNE squally.

Lat 38° 18. North

Friday Aug 6th/52.

Winds NNE steering to SE Pico & Fayal in sight. AM & LO the same saw several ships

Lat 38° 30 N

Sat Aug 7th/52 Light breezes from NE steering SE at 1 o clock lowered for black Fish without succes.

Sunday 8th/52

Lat 38° 41 N

Clear Weather & fine breezes from NW. Steering Course NW Hands employ'd in readiness all sorts of Nonsense

Lat 34° 39 North
Lon 26° 16 West

Mon Aug 9th/52.

All these 24 hours Heavy rain squalls

Tuesday 10th/52.

Commenced with stormy NE Winds & Cloudy Weather Lost Port wind hould to NNW

Lat 35° 55 North
Lon 26° 00 West

Wedens Aug 11th/52

Begins with light airs from NNW saw several schools of Grampuses Mid & Latter Part the same

Lat 37° 09 m North
Lon 26° 00 m West

Thurs Aug 12

Wind & Weather the same as yesterday Lat 38 At 6 AM discovered a Wreck of our Weather beam. the Capt Ordered a boat & went on board of her she was totaly dismasted rudder & part of her Bulwarks gone regh side up & full of water some of the boats Crew dove down in the Cabin & obtained the papers they were in a very wet condition but on drying them we ascertained her to be the schr Nelson of St Andrews New Brunswick & had Cleard for Barbadoes on the 6 of Jan last With 6 men on board her cargo Consisted of fifty thousand feet of Lumber her anchors were still on the bows at about 3 PM took on board the bark St Michaels Island bearing NEast 40 mls distant

Names of the Schr's Crew

Thos Smith Master
Robert Means Mate
Thos Britt Seamen
John Gaut Seamen

On Board Bark Cloud at Leic & St Michaels Quan

Friday

Friday May 13th/52

Fine weather & light breezes from N.N.E.
At 8 o'clock A.M. commenced to tow the Wreck the N.W. point of St Michaels bearing N.N.E. 2.5 miles dist. Caught a great many fish with both grains & lines.

Sat May 14th/52

Begins with light breezes from N.E. steering for the town of St Michaels at 6 A.M. arrived off the town & made fast the wreck to a buoy of which there are several for the accomodation of vessels lying here the Capt Ordered his boat away & as I was one of her crew I had a chance to go on shore the quay where we landed was built of granite & had a flight of stone steps to enable us to reach Terra Firma on reaching the top we found ourselves opposite the Barracks & at the foot of the Central Street of the town on proceeding up this street we were obliged to bye our way through as there were scores of little ragged urchins with each a basket of fruit on his arm Continually blockading our way We spent a very pleasant day walking about the town There are five or six Churches all of them Catholick The Market is near the Centre of the Town & is surrounded with Iron Paves in the Centre there is a deep well the streets are at right angles with each other there are also several rows of Opungo & fig trees which makes it very Cool and pleasant as I entered the market I could compare their portuguese jargon to nothing else but the wrangling of Cats & dogs I soon precieved there was not so much Confusion among the fair Sex as I Approached I saw a young dark-eyed Lass adjusting her fruit & flowers to their best advantage so as to catch the attention of the passers by. I soon bargained for some of the fine large watermellons so beautifully displayed & as none of my shipmates were near I invited her to partake with me Forwardness I would fain say for that she appeared no fine speech & talked incessantly but as I could not understand Lundy a word but I could perceive did not interest me much & having disputed my mellon I soon took my leave & found my shipmates as it was time for us to return to the boats we met out in high Spirits for all of us had imbibed a certain quantity of spirits Called in ancient times delightful fruits However we safely got down to the boat in safety The Capt was waiting & we were soon on our way to the ship where we arrived about sunset

On Board Bark Clara at Sea.

Sun Aug 15th 11h/52.

. Light winds & pleasant weather saw several vessels at a distance. The Capt did not come to any definite conclusion concerning the wreck but left it in the hands of the American Consul.

Monday 16th D. 52

Commenced with the strong winds & pleasant weather saw many grampus & two fin backs.

Tuesdays 18th/52

Nothing of note occurd the usual routine of duty performed which is to relate every day. The Island called The Peak of Pico in sight rearing its lofty head above the Clouds in all its grandeur five mile in sight.

Wednesday 24th D/52

Commenced with light winds & variable laying of the Island of Fayal. receiving ships at sunset stood out from the Island. we sold the anchor & chain belonging to the Schr & obtained a large supply of potatoes onions water melons grapes &c &c /52

Light airs about half past six saw a number of large whales lowered for them but were several miles distance from us also no sooner than saw our boats above the horizon they were seen become apprehensive & were thrown in their rear & started off at about 8 knots an hour after cruising for 8 hours the Stbd boat got fast & soon turned with the other ships boats returned Skinny

Sept 28th/52. — At 4 o clock called all Hands & commenced cutting in our whale at 11 o clock the last piece came over the plank shire. we commenced boiling soon after

Sept Friday 3 Pleasant weather standing off shore Employed cutting & boiling Spoke the B.W. Pair of New Bedford Higgins Master 9 mos out 500 bls sperm oil Left same with her we were boarded by Capts of 2 other ships Viz Helen Agusta of Fishing Fleet Master. Elisabeth of Nantucket Dexter Master 22 mos 280 Sperm.

Sept 28th Made the Island of Fayal & stood in for the Harbour Spoke the Elisabeth again & found our oil on board of her as she was homeward bound at 10 A.M. arrived of the Town & sent a boat ashore for letters all swallowed it returned. as I was one of the Fortunate ones I retired to my berth to peruse them Friends nothing I think that gladdens the heart of a Sailor so much as a Letter from Home Whether it be from parent sister or brother Wife or Children it awakens in his bosom a thrill of pleasure which none can appreciate but those that have been for months & years tossed on the watery elements with no tidings of their friends & happy home as even of his native Country how eager does he then seize the missive which to him is to be the tidings of joy or sadness & with hands trembling with joy & fear he breaks the seal & runs his eye rapidly over the sheet see how his eye brightens & the smile which wreaths his lips. he is reading of those

On Board Bark Oliver at Sea. North Atlantic ocean. John B Randall 1852

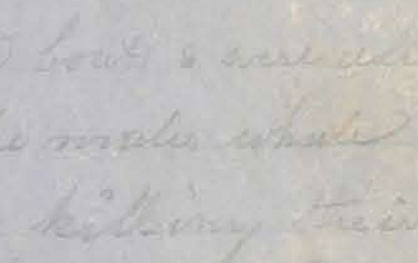
Hail — is most dear to him of all Earthly ties his mind reverts to his boyish days when all was joyous with fond parents to watch over him & to gripe them of his sisters & brothers with whom he has passed so many happy hours or perhaps of one whom has. Never ties (if possible) in short he is dreaming of home & in the language of the poet could say

By this feeling of a home comes forth
From 'neath the soul's pure throne as not of earth.
'Tis the blessed enchainment of our love
Be some dear Spot; whence it can never rove
Except in tears; from which if forced to go,
The Earth is dreary; and that heart will flow
Back to its home again, when it is free—
Like a fond Mother's dream unto her boy at sea.

My letter being finished I soon sunk into the arms of Morpheus nor did I awake ~~until~~ till the Hoarse cry of Starboard watch aloy attracted me giving my eyes a rub to see if there really so a thing as that it was really & truly I turned on deck it was a lovely Night the full moon shed its silver light on the broad surface of the ocean & an exhilerating breeze from the SW filled every sail & away we bore Of 6 knots an hour & wafted bringing fragrant odours of the Spice Groves Blossoms & Fruit no less sweet,

Sept 3rd/52

Light Winds & Calmes near from the Westward we are now leaving the Western Isles & steering S with a hope of Gaining our destination is I do not know. on the 5th spoke the Whale ship Mary of NB Variable winds with a few spind of rain on the 13 of Sept Winds were the same Spoke the Brig Hope of Baltimore bound to Madeira. 14th spoke the Washington of Hamburg bound to New Orleans This was an Emigrant Ship the Passengers all crowded to the Weather side as she sailed her Weather gunnels & with open Mouths in doubt expecting to see some conspicuous creature with fins & tails in in the Character of a Sperm Whale never. The Weather continued fine until the 19th when we had heavy squalls of Wind & rain shortening & making sail as the weather will permit 19th Strong Winds Squally Weather at 2 o Clock PM raised a school of sperm whales we immediately lowered the boats & were all three soon fast the 2 mate getting his line entangled with the main whale was forced to cut & lost his whale the Capt & mate succeeded in killing their whale & stowed other were spouting thick blood at 6 PM took the whale along side & after securing them stood Anchord watches at daylight commenced cutting in we there was a very rough sea on & after cutting one & taking the head of the other we concluded its best until it was smooth weather stood Anchord with at 1 o clock all Hands were called as was blowing a gale shortened sail to a close reefed main Topsail cut the whale adrift as we could not save it 22nd Moderated commenced trying out & finished about dusk & stood Back & Forth Saw



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On Board of Bark Elora at Sea Capt James L Smith
Remarks 23d 9th/52

Commenced with Light breezes & pleasant weather
Under all sail steering S & by W saw Sail in Sight of our Weather bow
At 10 o'clock P.M. spoke the Bark James Andrews of New Bedford:
Reells Master 15 mos out 500 lb sperm oil gam'd with her Starboard
picked up our whale which made them 12 lb 8 o'clock P.M. parted
Company with her. ends with Light & variable winds
Sunday 24th/52 Lat 32.08
Lon 24.30

First Part Commenced
With strong breezes & pleasant weather from W.S.W. Course S.W
Commenced standing while watches to day the James Andrews
in sight of our weather quarter Mid Part saw a brig steering
E.I.P. strong breezes from N.

Lat 30.25 m North

Mon 27th/52

P.M. strong gales from N.N.E Bark under
all sail steering S.W the Ships A. still in sight five miles astern
with studsails set M.S. Lat P.M same

Lat 28.18 m North

Tues 28th/52 A.M strong winds from N.E & squally weather
Course S.S.W Watch employ'd in stowing down oil Cooper-ing
Brand & C. P.M wind hauld to S.E by E. Commenced Pleasant
and a Steam ship steering S.W.

Lat 24.08 North

Oct 15th/52

Nothing particular has happened for the last 5
week to disturb the quiet Monotonous Passage We had strong
N.E Trades until within 7 days of the Line when we are now
& shall be for the present if we have no more than we have had
for the last week P.M commences with Moderate breezes pleasant
weather & sail in sight of our two barques dist 5 miles at 10 o'clock bore up
the Mast boat & went on board of her she proved to be the
Queen of the Bays of Saunderslyd from hence to Sincapore
She obtained of us 1 Bullock 3 sheep & 1 bushel of Onions A.M. & 1st Part
light winds & cloudy Weather
Oct Sat 12th/52

Lat 2°.32
Lon 21.12 W

Commenced with light S.E & S.E winds & pleasant
weather the Queen of the Bays at the distance of a mile from
us at 9 o'clock she hoisted the British Ensign at her Mizen
Peak we hauled aback our Main Topsail & was boarded by her
Capt boat out for bread & tobacco which we exchanged with
them for Coal & oil which our Chief Mate went on board
to obtain our crew were well pleased with their gam & are
dealt Liberally for some of them have fine Spirits &
english sailors always have their Saturday Nights Grog's

Lat 1°.8 m
Lon 20 m 35

On Board Bark Clara at sea Capt A D Jones

Oct 19th/52 fresh gales from the bark Com handed. heading E&S
we were pleased to have a number of our Northern songsters
Come on board these were nearly exhausted Mid Part the same
Lat Part tacked Ship to P by S saw a fin back whale.
Lat 0.. 5° O

Oct 20th/52

P P strong gales & cloudy weather from S & E Bark
under Top gallant sails steering S W. Watch employ'd in setting
up the fore Stay & Starboard Shrouds took the Waist boat down
from the deck house & repaired her M & L P the same steering S W
I sail in sight steering N E Lat 2°47
Oct 27th 52

as there has not been much. to narrate I shall
not keep a regular log but just when it suits my fancy
Wind strong S E Attended & squally. Clear'd up. Split the
Lat from Clear to evening unbent it & bent a new one
Lat Part stormed sail'd to Top sails We are steering
our course for the Cape of good Hope & shall soon
double if winds favour'd
Lat 9.. -26' South
Lon 24 .. 00 East

Nov 9th/52

Light & pleasant breezes from W P wonderful
sail Course E by S We are now in the Lon of the Cape &
shall soon be in the Indian Ocean farewell to the Old
Atlantic with feelings not to be described How fond
I leave the rock bound Coasts of New England my native
Home How kissed with Thy sparkling waves farewell but I
hope not forever although I may sail o'er other Seas
yet will I remember thee

Lat 34.. 42 S
Lon 18.. 00 E

Nov 16th 1852

Fine weather & light breeze at 4 P M
greeted a dead whale that were surrounded by many
sharks & Humpbacks

Lat 34.36. S
Lon by Chro 2°.00 E
Lunar Obs 1.40

Bark Clara at Sea, Indian Ocean.
Dec 24th Still Steering to the Eastward the Winds
for the last month from N W to N E

Sat Dec 25

Christ mas with no fires who ever heard of
such a thing surely this is a world of wonders Moderate
gales sterne breefs out of the main to bring at 8 passed
Two sail of our lee bow at 4 o clock spoke her she proved
to be the s/s Bowditch of Warren R I 4 mas out 76 days Whom
the Capt had His Wife & Child with him. it being rough we
hyed but a short and Continued Cold & foggy until the
29 when we had Pleasant Weather with light breezes from S S E
Under all sail heading E by S at about ½ 10 o clock observed a rain
bow something I never saw before In the night Cannot by the Moon
Pleiers 29

Fine Pleasant weather with Variable winds at 4 P M
struck a porpoise Mid & Fair Part Cloudy weather Jim & New yers one
more ends ended to commence Wind S E Blowing under all sail heading E by S
Winds continued to blow from the S & E until the 31 when we had
light winds from the S E Barque under all sail Course S E by S quite
an event took place to day which in fact relieved the dull Monotony
of our life our Cooper by the way is a fortunate of Portly dimensions as
Pugnacious as the Sons of the Green Isle generally are! & our Chief Mate who
some how could never agree began to find Pat industrial Billings Pat found fore
Billings quite to suit the order of the day when the Mate making a little
worthy Advantage of Pat & threw him down but Pat soon awoke
to the reality & strove hard to obtain his perpendicular the Capt
who was aloft & saw the whole Proceedings Ordered the second mate
to intercede which he did & took him into the Cabin on the
Capt coming on deck ordered the Cooper to remove his things
on to the Forecastle Cooper Commenced doing so but not further
arguing as to the justness of the Decree fought for fought with the
Old saying This agrivated his wish blood & thereing to
Mate the Mate he commenced to insult him Calling him Thing
not fit for ears polite at the same time Challenged to fight but
the mate took no further notice of him the Capt hearing him
again ordered him aft again & put him in irons
Jan 1st 63.

Commenced with steady breezes from S S W with
warm weather Watch employed in varnishing the lower masts &
other trifling duty at 2 P M saw a sail steering S W 4 o clock
saw another steering as we both of them Merchant men

Bark Clara. at Sea. Indian Ocean.

Jan 15/53

Variable winds & Pleasant weather under all sail steering S°W & saw several schools of grampus & porpises at 2 o'clock saw a sail 2 points off our starboard bow at 4 o'clock raised a spout of our larboard bow kept the Ship away for it & they proved to be sperm whales lowered the boats but it being near sunset we lost the run of them hove the ship too with our main topsail aback in hopes to see whales in the morning The Cooper is released from irons & to do duty

Jan 16

Light breezes & Cloudy weather under all sail course S°W saw several schools of porpuses & a large bone shark but no whales at sunset shortened sail reefs

Jan 18th/53

A Dead Calm. & old Sol. pour'd his relentless rays full upon us this is the hottest day I think I ever saw not a breath of air stirring the sails hung idly from the yards I count one seemed long spirited & moved with reluctance at one o'clock raised sperm whales about one mile from the ship we lowered the boats as noiselessly as possible the whales were laying on the surface of the water basking in the sun & did not appear to move the sun went down after stopping one hour & twenty minutes returned to the surface of the water & blowed four times from the ship we chased them until sunset without success as they went so quick under water that we could make no calculations where they would come up some of our men were completely scorched so that the skin peeled off of their faces & hands shortened sail at sunset

Jan 19th/53

Wind what little there was died away leaving us as again becalmed but the sun did not have so much effect on us to day as a light drapery of clouds screened us from his scorching rays saw a large sperm whale this morning before breakfast at about one mile from the ship we soon dispatched our morning meal & lowered away as quietly as possible in hopes to surprise with a friendly introduction on the back of a couple of J Macy's harpoons but he acted precisely as the whales of yesterday we continued to chase them until about 2 o'clock PM when we lost sight of him from both ships boats it soon springing up a fine breeze which was welcome to all at sunset shortened sail & have the heading to the Eastward

Bark Gloria at the Sea Indian Ocean 1853.

Jan 20/53

Commenced with a fine breze & pleasaint weather saw Sperm whales late in the day but did not lower for them ends with light airs & variable

Jan 22/53 Nothing of note occurd to day it being saturday which is set apart for washing & mending our clothes we were busyly engaged at the occupation of Mangling saw numerous schoals of spouting fish but no whales light airs & intervals of Calms

Jan 23/53

Commenced with light winds from the Southward under all sail steering E N E we had an awning over the quarter deck & fore castle but even then the heat is almost insufferable the men at the mast head are most exposed & ought to be provided some kind of awning to screen them from the fiery rays of a tropical sun at 2 P.M. a fine breze sprung up from S S E set studs & main royal

Jan 26/53

Light breze & hot uncomfortable weather from Southward at one o clock P.M. Land ho was heard from the mast head which served to arouse us from the sort of dreamy listlessness into which we have fallen since entering the tropical Climate it is now some four months since we have seen Terra Firma & all are anxious to catch a glimpse of it at sun set The Land bore N distance twenty eight miles

Jan 27/53

The land is distinctly to be seen & from ours but 2 Low they are the islands of Sumbuck & Sombawa on sail in sight off our Lee quarter 2x light airs from S West which gradualy freshened into a light breze steering for the passage between the afore mentioned islands which is called the straits of Alace Wed & Sat. Part a breze came off the land but died away leaving us becalmed 1 sail in sight

Jan 29/53

Commenced with fresh sea breezes Bark under all sail steering directly for the mouth of the straits large quantities of Pumice stone logs of wood & trees torn up by the roots were seen floating by Mid we were in the strs the wind died away to a calm & the current which very strong set us in for the land the sky was illumined with continual flashes of lightning which continued throughout the night without intermission while ever & anon could be heard the deep tones of the low guttural thunder kept a man on the chains heaving the lead the first soundings were 35 fathoms dist one mile from the shore a light breze sprang at 11 o clock stood in for the land & droped anchor in 14 fathoms water clewed up & furled our sails saw several Proas during the night at day light the mate took a boat & went on shore at a bay about 5 miles distant at 10 o clock Stove short & set the fore topsail a signal for the boat the Boat returned loaded with Cocoanuts Bananas Sweet Potatoes &c got under weigh with a light breeze from the E & stood up through the straits

Bark Clara at Sea. Africa Straits 1853.

Jan 30/53

At 4 o'clock the tide turn'd against us & we were obliged to drop our anchor which we did at 5 o'clock in 12 fathoms of water Clear'd away the Jurbrat & as many as could Stow'm & her went we shore & we landed on a fine sandy beach of grayish coloured sand intermixed with various shells & coral we entered the wood which we found no difficulty in traversing as there was very little underbrush after penetrating through a grove of Mangroes & other tropical trees a sight which would call forth an exclamation of delight from all admirers of Nature burst upon our view stretching toward the foot of a lofty mountain as far as the eye could reach lay a plain level as a dancing floor & covered with tall waving grass dotted here & there with the tall figure-like trunk of the Cocoa tree or a clump of Banana while we were wandering about among the trees we startled two deer which were grazing upon the rich herbage Monkeys seen playing from tree to tree & looking with mischievous grimaced on their strange visitors we left this scene with reluctance & the sun had already receded from our view when we arrived on board & let go anchor & through the night saw several Peris supposed to be fishermen on the morning the 6th & 3rd & 3rd Mate went on shore with the the greater part of the Crew we came with no fear Monkeys & had sport enough shooting at the Monkeys & wild hogs but without much execution The second mate wounded a deer & after chasing him a short distance he returned his steps to where he left his shoes & a flask of Powder but they were not to be found It was not much wonder however as there were so many Monkeys around we saw many beautiful birds of the Parrot kind among which was the Cockatoon after walking about until we were tired we came to the beach & after enjoying the luxury of a sea bath we launched our boat & returned to the ship

Jan 31/53

At day light Two short stated from our topsails & let go our Anchor & stood out through the Straits into a Looking Glass we shaped The Course & stood them got the anchor on the bow & all day for we saw several diamond fish after leaving the Straits we came up N the W & by N Passing the entry Mary & after sailed on our course On Feb 1st the Island of Pino & Zalabby was on right with strong breezes & favorable ship on Different tacks on the 2nd Pino the Island of Obi Major & Pt Bianco we are now on the Molucca Passage Feb 4th Commenced with moderate breezes with frequent squalls of rain at 2 o'clock P.M. rained 1/2 an hour & cleared away the boats & gave chase but a heavy squall of rain coming on & lost sight of them

Bark Ceora Cruising in Molucy Passage.

Feb 12th 5 P

Light breezes from the Northward & Cloudy raised a school of sperm Whales & succeded in taking two of them took them along side & cut them ends with fresh breezes

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Feb 13th

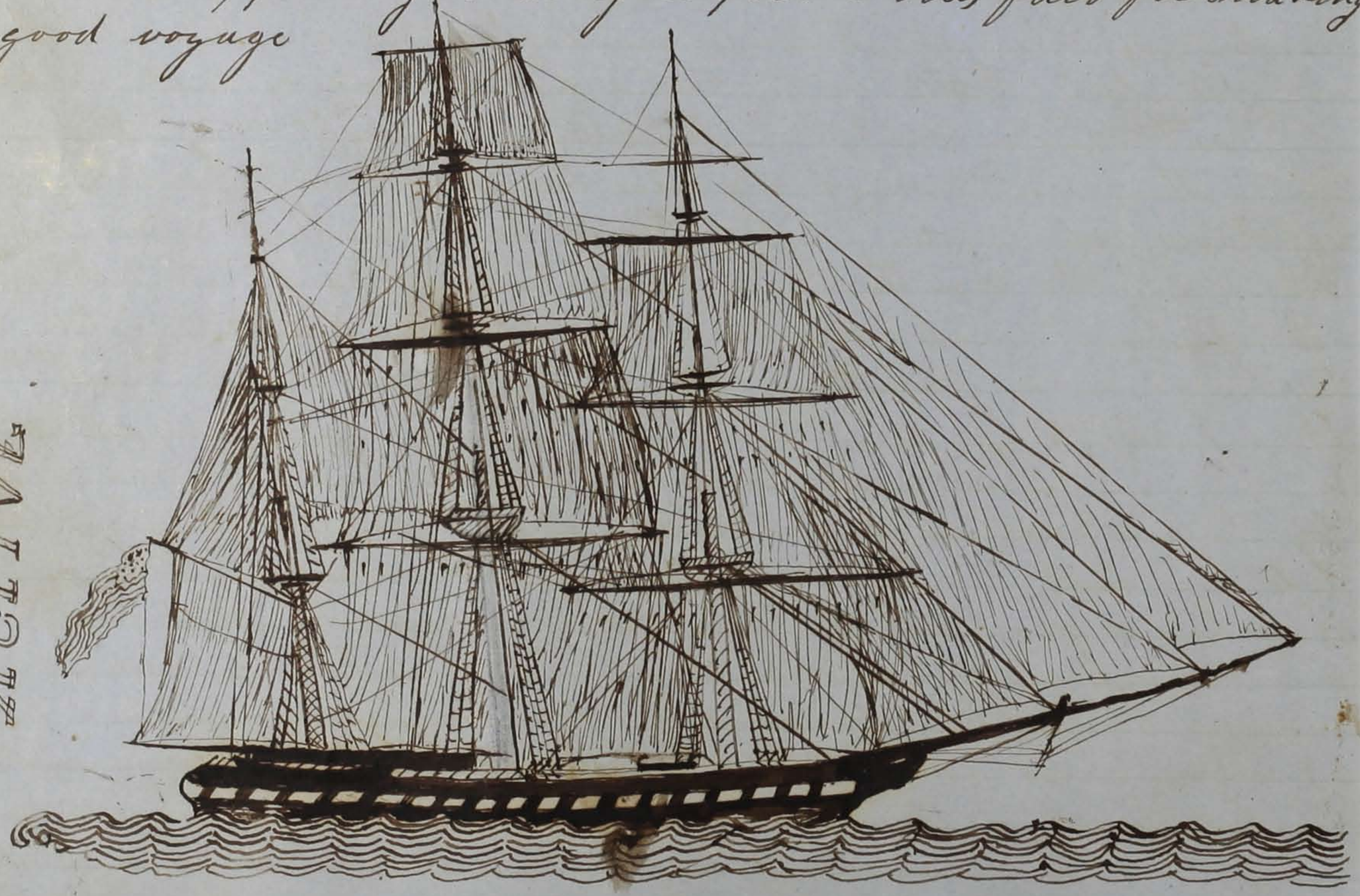
Commences with light & variable winds & hazy weather commenced boiling & cutting up the blubber at daylight; Mid & Lat part strong breezes from the Northward

Feb 14th

Strong breezes from N W ship under short sail heading E N E at 4 o Clock P M finished trying & washed down decks Mid Part clear weather lying too under double reefd topsails Land in sight bearing S by E Lat part two breezes from Northward ship on the wind heading E N E so ends

Feb 15th

Nothing worthy of note has occurd for the last week Winds from N E by N & the Island of Celebes in sight Every day at 5. A M spoke the Barque Active of New Bedford Capt Morrison 8 mos out 400 bls sperm oil ganged with her this Eve she is a fine ship with a crew worthy of the most of them Americans which is not to be found in Every ship She is well appointed in every respect & bids fair for making a good voyage



Bark Clara in Moluccan Passage A.D 1853

February 22d/53

Commenc'd with fresh breezes from the Nwrd Barque under all sail steering SE in company with the Active at 2o clock A.M received a visit from Capt Morrison. NE light & steady breezes ship heading NE & NW under short sail Lat Obsd squally with rain & wore ship to S & E the Active off our weather bow

March, 1st/53

First Part light & variable winds ship steering in for the land which bears SE saw a shooner steering as we showing Dutch Colors Watch employ'd in Painting ship & getting ready for Port which we are trying to make for Recruits & Liberty ends with light breezes

March 2d

At 6 o clock P.M come to an anchor in 25 fath of water in the Port of Gornontelloe. SE of Celebes the sails being furl'd we lower'd a boat to find soundings in different Parts of the Harbour we then got a kedge out about 200 fathoms & warp'd her up river for our anchorage is at the mouth of the river & about two miles from the town which lies further up the river there is also a little Fishing village on our starboard hand the best anchorage is about ¼ mile from the flag staff & opposite the village.

March 3d/53

Larboard watch on liberty the town is situated on a triangle made by the river Branching of in seperate directions the inhabitants are Malays & a few Dutch there are two forts built by the dutch but manid by native soldiers the Commodante Capt Port Sergant & Corporeal are all the white Officers there are, most of our crew boarded at the Fort & paid quarterly for 1 rupee per day Still be wiles to describe the Natives for they have the same Characteristics as other Malays & the Starboard watch were employ'd filling Casks & rafting water to the ship & painting

March 4th/53

Larboard watch on liberty there is a school here for the instruction of the children of the Nabobs but the poorer class have Left in ignorance Coffee & several kinds of spices grow here & most all of their dishes are seasond with Curry a kind of root much used among the East Indies Fruit such as Cocoa nuts Bananas pine apples Lemmons & a few Oranges we obtaind here but as for Potatoes yams taro or other vegetables for recruiting ship Cannot be got at this season of the year S Watch Painting ship

Bark Alora in Port, Island Celebes AD 3rd 1853

March 5th/53 Starboard Watch on liberty, our men are enjoying themselves & as yet there has been no disturbence there is a plenty of Liquor & Fruit is good & we have it setting before us "throughout the day, & might do if we wanted it there is a plenty of horses or substitutes not your tall raw boned but little fleecy things somewhat resembling the shadow of a wolf there are some very handsome horses here too but Jack must take up with shadows which by the bye manage to slip between his legs very often. however if we do not fall off more than once in a quarter of a mile we make tolerable fair weather of it the Natives appear to be amused at our sports & seem anxious to help us to the worst horses they can find, this day ends the Starboard Watch on liberty

March 6th/53 Starboard Watch on liberty" watch on board painting ship &c there are two schrs lying in Port one Malay the other Dutch but they both sail under the Dutch flag we have obtained all the water we want but are unable to get wood here

March 12th & 13th Got under weigh & stood out of the Bay with light breezes Midl Part strong breez from Northward steering to Eastward at 11 o clock raised sperm whales going to windward lowered away the boats & succeded in killing three of them one to each boat.

March 20th/53 These twenty four hours strong winds from Northward spoke the Bark Active, at 4 A M & parted with her

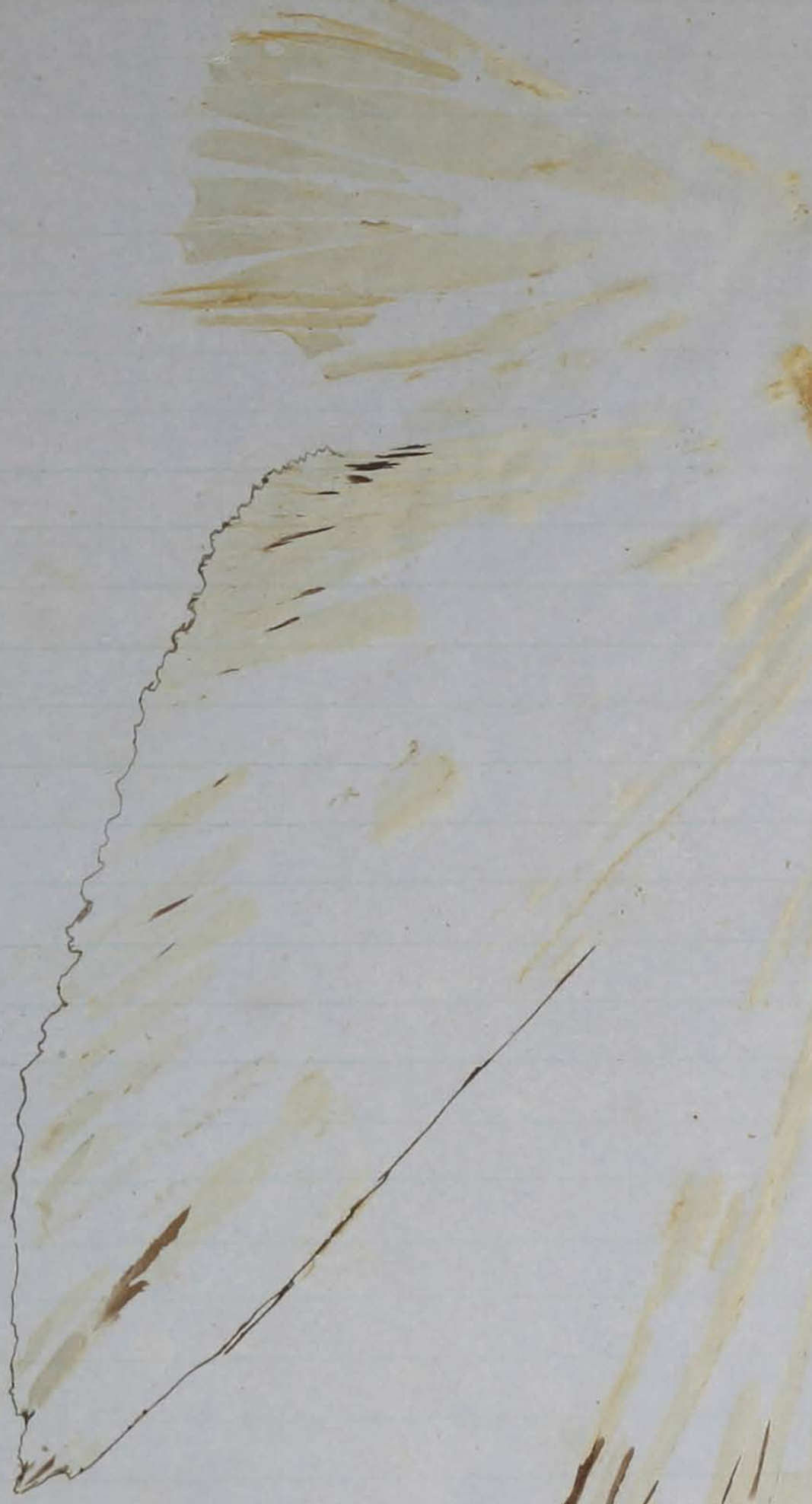
March 23d/53 All the twenty four hours light airs in company with Active nothing of note took place this day

March 24th/53 Commenced with light & variable winds at 8 P M sent the Starboard on shore to wood at sunset returned with two boat loads

April 8th/53 Commenced with light airs with intervals of Calms at one o clock P M raised a school of sperm Whales lowered for them & succeeded in taking Two the Star Board got fast but cut from the whale on account of a slight collision Constituted by a too close collision of the Elongation of the whales superfluities with the boat bottom in which the boat came out in many five or six strinks no injury done to the constitution of same

Barque Alora New Bedford

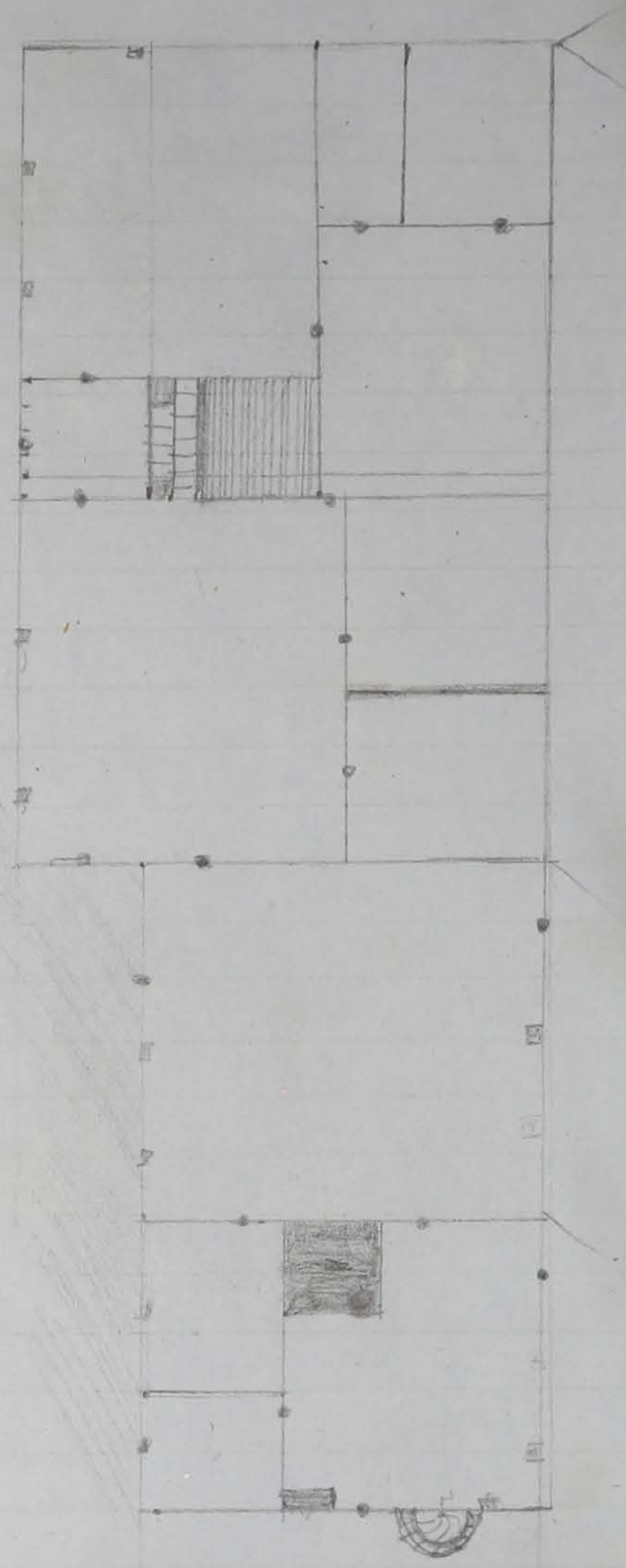
Bark Ohera Pacific Ocean James L Smith Master



July 1852

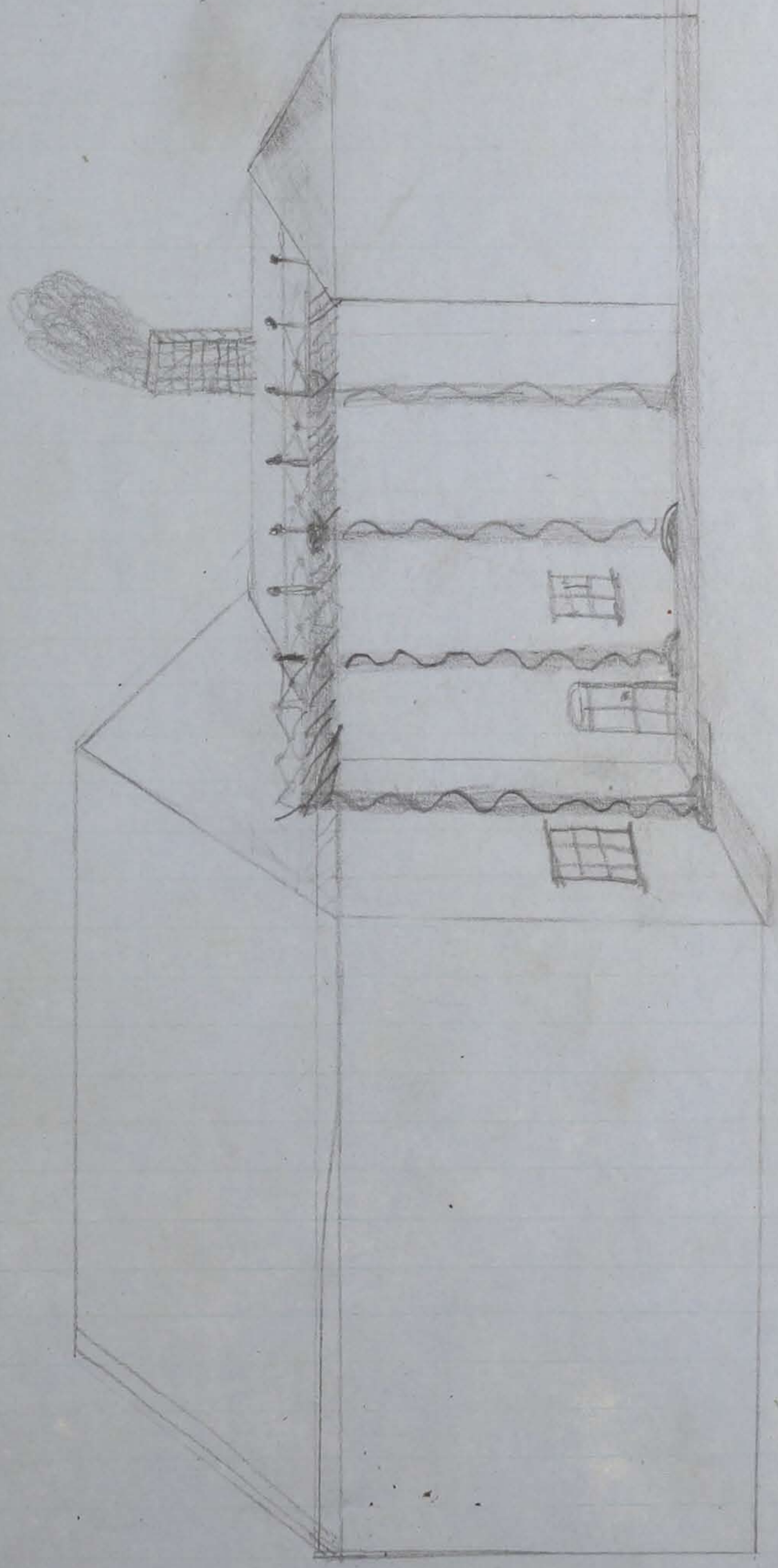
A.M. Commenced with strong winds from S E to S Course W by N with Main Top gallant & Royal mast stun sails set at 10 clock took in stun sails Squally Weather. M.P. wind moderated set stun sails L.P. wind from E.S.E. with Pleasant weather under all sail steering N.E. by E a Porpoise

Lat 5°
Lon 5°



By Twas a calm still night & the moons pale light
Shone soft o'er hill & vale
When the friends mute with grief stood around the bed death
Of my poor lost Lilla Dale

Oh Lilla dear Lilly sweet Lilla Dale
Now the wild rose blossoms o'er her
little green grave neath the trees in
the flowery Dale



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Aug	31st			
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Feb.	10th	01°	17'	
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"	12th	Young	Williams	Isle bore
"	14th	Lat	N°	Lon E
"	"	05	09	155°, 30'
"	18th	Asention	Island	bore
	20			
	30th			
Aug	10th	03	33	163°, 17'
"	15th	02,	40	165°, 50'
	29th	05°,	19	158, 08
	30th	"	"	" "
Oct.	4th	02	8	136°, 45
	5th	02	50	137 15
	13th			
	30th			

of Whales. seen on 1st Whaling Voyage Bk Eleora

Fayal bore N E. dist 40 miles saw large Whales. Took one
" " S E " 20 " saw large lone whale Lost it
" " S " 10 " took one whale saw many
" " N E " 15 " saw Whales.
saw small school whale took 2

Indian Ocean. S W Coast N. Holland

saw large Whales going south
" many Whales going quick to Southwards
" one large whale at night.

Entered Molucca Passage

Saw many small whales
saw small school whales took two
Anchored in Goorong Lotta river 200 bls sp'm oil
Sailed from " " " " " "
Latty Isle bore E dist 4 miles took three small whales
off the Isle of Habruary. for recruits
saw two schools of small whales took two
" whales
" many whales took two
" whales fast to two. Irons drawn & lost them
" " " " " " " " "
took three small whales

Put away for Port on account of worms in the Ship
Anchored at the Isle of Gelg Bark Montezuma Kempton Master 17 ms from N B'd 180 bls sp'm oil lying at anchor - wood & watering

Months	days	lat	Lon	
Novemr	5th			Sailed from Geby to Cruise
"	18th			Entered Moluccas Passage
"	19th			Leisumatula Island bore S. dist 25 miles
				took two small whales
Decemr	2d			Drifted out of the Pass to north
"	15th			Entered Mollucca "
	21st			Anchored at Kema. with 750 lbs Sperm Oil
	25th			Sailed from " in Company with 6 Ships
AD 1834				
Jan	4th			Entered the Pacific Ocean by Gilolo Pass
"	17th			Touched at Salibabo. landed Cooper
"	23d			Asia Islands bore SW 15 miles dist saw
				many whales took one
"	24th			Asia Isles bore NbW dist 10 mls took 3 whls
"	26th			" " " NW picked up a dead
	30th			St Davids Island bore NE dist 4 mls took
	N	N	E	E two small whales
Februay	8th	00°30'	132°10	saw many whales
	9th	"	"	" " " " took two
	18th			Asia Island bore SE dist 25 mls saw many whls
	19th			" " " " " 10 " took two
March	6th	S Lat		Post Dory bore NW NbW dist 20 mls saw
"	20th	00,	15	135°40 a small school took three
"	21	00	30	137°30 saw many small whales took
"	22d	00	32	138°04 " " " " Gun broke.
"	23d	00	25	139°00 " " " " took two
"	26th	00	57	140,30 " " " "
April	1st	00	15	141°10 " " " " saw large school whales
"	11th	01,	00	139°40
"	22d	00	00	137°37
"	27th	02	00	138 24
May	3d	02	38	138 30
"	6th	03	16	140 28
June	6th			Anchored at Batta Cudy
"	15	S	Lat	sailed from " "
Aug	6th	3	20	141,00 S took 2
"	7th	3	00	141 20 " "
Sept	10			Anchored at Flake
"	11			sailed from "
S-11	17	5	00	142 20 Stove & lost boat 2 lines
"	19th	4	30	142 30 1 " "
"	26th	4	10	141 20 stove boat. one whale
Nov	19th	5	00	141 40 lost line 2 whales
1835	23d	3	43	141 00
Jan	28			Anchored at Amziba Oct 24th Sailed Nov 3d
Feb	16th	1	54	18 13W Anchored at St Helena Feb 6 sailed saw large lone whale